

## PLEASE NOTE...

**1. Newcomers:** please stay around after the service for tea and cake (on the ground floor); we'd love to welcome you properly! If you'd like us to keep in touch, fill in your contact details on the relevant page of our Term Card.

**2. Lunar New Year Event:** 12 noon, 25<sup>th</sup> January at Kitcho restaurant (SE10 8LP). An opportunity to invite friends, neighbours and colleagues to enjoy a Chinese hotpot dinner with a short talk about the Christian faith. To book places, please email [janise777-ny@yahoo.com](mailto:janise777-ny@yahoo.com)

**3. Science: Has evolution disproved God?** Our monthly "Big Questions" series continues 26<sup>th</sup> January from 7-8pm at the Spanish Galleon, SE10 9BL. Professor of evolutionary biology, Richard Buggs, will give a talk followed by Q&A. Please invite friends and neighbours for whom this would be of interest. Flyers available (they look like beermats).

**4. Is the Bible good news for women?** 7.45pm, 28<sup>th</sup> January at St Michael and All Angels, SE3 9JL. Please join to hear Karen Soole address this question, in an event organised in partnership with other local churches. Flyers available.

**5. Bitesize Theology:** this term, for those who are able to arrive early for Grace Groups (see below), we are offering a 20-minute introduction to key Christian doctrines. This week: *The Necessity of Scripture*. Come at 7:15pm for a prompt start.

**6. Grace Groups/Christianity Explored:** we meet every Wednesday in small groups to study the Bible together downstairs in this building from 7.45-9.15pm. There is pizza for those who want it. At the same time we run a Christianity Explored course for anyone wanting to go over the foundations of Christianity. No need to sign up; just turn up and try it for one week.

**7. Books of the Term:** there will be two options for this term. The first and more accessible option is "The 10 Commandments" by Kevin DeYoung (discussion on 30/03). The second and more stretching option is "Dominion" by Tom Holland (discussion on 04/05). We can get a reduction on the first book by ordering in bulk so please let Immy know if you'd like a copy today ([immy.dancer@greenwich.church](mailto:immy.dancer@greenwich.church))

**8. Talks Online:** you can catch up or listen again to the Sunday sermons either on the church website or via our iPhone or Android app.

**9. Giving:** Grace Church is funded by the donations of its members. To support our work and give tax efficiently please contact [treasurer@greenwich.church](mailto:treasurer@greenwich.church) (40-52-40/00027789)

### 10. Looking ahead:

- Student Weekend Away (31<sup>st</sup> January-2<sup>nd</sup> February)
- Spring Weekend Away (24<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> April)

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Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2020

## Welcome!

Andrew Sach is leading  
Andrew Latimer will be preaching

### "God's Top Ten: Don't Make Idols"

*"Then the Lord spoke to you out of the midst of the fire.  
You heard the sound of words, but saw no form; there was only a voice."  
Deuteronomy 4:12*

**SONG:** Creation sings

### CHILDREN'S TALK

### CONFESSION

Almighty God, our heavenly Father,  
We have sinned against you  
And against our fellow men,  
In thought and word and deed,  
In the evil we have done  
And in the good we have not done,  
Through ignorance, through weakness,  
Through our own deliberate fault.  
We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us,  
Forgive us all that is past;  
And grant that we may serve you in newness of life  
To the glory of your name. Amen.

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**NOTICES** (children leave for Sunday school & crèche)

### CONGREGATIONAL READING

**SONG:** Light of the world

**SONG:** God the uncreated one

**READING:** Deuteronomy 4:15-31 (page 149)

**SONG:** Every promise of our God

**READING:** Exodus 20:1-17 (page 61)

### SERMON

### PRAYERS

**Q&A** (text questions to 07520632065)

**SONG:** Be thou my vision

### BLESSING

Next Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> January –  
God's Top Ten: Don't Misuse My Name

# **“God's Top Ten: Don't Make Idols”**

Exodus 20:4-6

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How to be free...

1) Don't use images to represent the LORD in worship

3) ...and the LORD is the jealous God

4) ...and our actions have serious consequences

2) ...because the LORD is the speaking God

## **COFFEE QUESTIONS**

-“I will walk about in freedom, for I have sought out your precepts.” (Psalms 119:45). In what ways do we fall for the trap that freedom comes from breaking God's commands? How can we help ourselves and one another to see God's commands as freeing?

-In what ways are we tempted to pick and choose which parts of God's revelation we listen to? What is the problem with creating “a Stepford god”?

-What idols do we pursue to give us what only God can provide? What do we most easily spend our money on? What do our thoughts naturally drift towards? What do our most uncontrollable emotions indicate about what is most precious to us?

-What difference should it make to us that our actions have serious consequences for others?